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SUBJ: 58TH ECOSOC: SOCIAL COMMITTEE--INVITATIONS TO NGOS
TO ATTEND WCIWY

1. AS PART OF ITS CONSIDERATION OF NGO ITEM IN PLENARY,
ECOSOC HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION SECT DOCUMENT (E/L.1636
AND ADDS. 1 AND 2) GIVING LIST OF NGOS THAT HAVE ASKED TO
BE INVITED TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE. IN OPENING DEBATE PRC
REP RAISED TWO SEPARATE ISSUES:

A. INVITATIONS TO GRUNK AND PRG. IN CASE OF FORMER HE
STATED THAT IN VIEW OF VICTORY OVER IMPERIALISM, GRUNK IS
CLEARLY THE SOLE LAWFUL REP OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE AND
THAT FORMAL INVITATION SHOULD BE SENT TO THEM. WITH REGARD
TO PRG HE STATED THAT THEY SHOULD BE INVITED AS "RVN
NOT QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE."

B. IN VIEW GA RES 2758 (XXVI) THOSE NGOS "ASSOCIATED WITH"
TAIWAN SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM INVITATION LIST. HE STATED
PRC WILL "NOT PARTICIPATE" IN VOTE IF SECT DOCUMENT
VOTED ON IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

2. CHAIR STATED THAT ONLY ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION AT
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PRESENT TIME WAS QUESTION OF NGO REPRESENTATION. HOWEVER,

SEVERAL DELS (USSR, GUINEA, SENEGAL) ARGUED POINT STATING THAT THIS WAS ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR ECOSOC TO COMMENT ON GOVERNMENTS TO BE INVITED TO WCIWY. USSR ALSO RAISED GENERAL QUESTION OF "ALL STATES" FORMULA BUT UK REP IMMEDIATELY TOOK FLOOR TO POINT OUT RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS AT 29TH GA.

3. US REP MADE FOLLOWING BRIEF STATEMENT BELOW IN PARA 5 ON NGOS AS AGREED UPON IN POOLE/BAKER TELCON. ALL OTHER DELS THAT SPOKE ON THIS SUBJECT, HOWEVER, SUPPORTED INITIAL CHINESE POSITION. (COMMENT. THERE OBVIOUSLY SOME CONFUSION ABOUT CHINESE USE OF PHRASE "ASSOCIATED WITH" TAIWAN AS SEVERAL OF THESE SPOKESMEN APPEAR TO REFER TO TAIWANESE AFFILIATES AS DISTINCT FROM PARENT NGOS.)

4. CHAIR (AKHUND) RULED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH CHANGES IN INVITATIONS TO IWY, THE PROCEDURES LAID DOWN BY THE GA HAD BEEN FOLLOWED AND THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ECOSOC TO REVERSE THOSE DECISIONS, ALTHOUGH THE SECT WOULD TAKE NOT OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DELS ON THIS SUBJECT. FURTHER DEBATE THIS SUBJECT ON MONDAY.

5. QTE: STATEMENT RE PRC ATTEMPT TO ATTACH NGOS HAVING AFFILIATES IN TAIWAN

THE POINT THAT HAS BEEN RAISED TRANSCENDS THE SPECIFIC ISSUE POSED BY MY CHINESE COLLEAGUE. IT GOES TO THE HEART OF THE BASIC NGO/UN RELATIONSHIP.

THERE IS AMONG SOME DELEGATIONS, PERHAPS, A MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHAT AN NGO REALLY IS. AS ITS NAME STATES, IT IS NOT PART OF A GOVERNMENT, NOR FINANCED BY A GOVERNMENT. IN THIS COUNTRY, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE MANY NGOS WHOSE POLICIES ARE OPPOSED TO THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND WHO DEVOTE THEIR AMPLE ENERGIES TO CHANGING THOSE GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES BY MOBILIZING THE PUBLIC AGAINST THEM.

THE FACT THAT AN NGO IS ACTIVE IN A COUNTRY OR HAS AFFILIATES OR MEMBERS THERE DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS A CREATURE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY, OR THAT IT EVEN HAS ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE--IN FACT WE THINK IT IS DESTRUCTIVE OF THE NGO RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UN--TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON OR DENY FULL PRIVILEGES TO NGO'S SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT NOG HAS AN OPINION OR AN AFFILIATION WHICH ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS OF SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES. UNQTE.

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